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1. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- Soviets must have an important naval base somewhere along the Murmansk coast between Cape Chernyy (N 68-24, E 38-40) and Cape Orlov (N 67-13, E 41-18). [redacted] reason for this belief was [redacted] cruisers and destroyers off that stretch of coast. [redacted] had never been in a position to see from where these ships came and [redacted] had never seen a Soviet warship entering a port along this stretch of coast. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] about ten nautical miles off the coast, sighted a line of 11 Soviet destroyers. This occurred at 0930 hours on 23 or 24 July 1953, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] The formation, which was traveling at high speed, sailed due north at first and then turned toward the northeast. 50X1-HUM
3. When sighted and before changing their course, it was clear [redacted] that these ships had come from the vicinity of Cape Svyatoy Nos (N 68-10, E 39-48). 50X1-HUM
4. The destroyers were of a modern type; each of the destroyers had two stacks. There were two guns forward, one gun high amidships and two guns aft. The second mast was very short.
5. At the same time four other ships, two large destroyers or light cruisers and two heavy cruisers, were sighted at a great distance emerging from the bay behind Svyatoy Nos. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] these large ships came out of a port which must exist deep inside the bay behind Cape Svyatoy Nos. The entrance to the bay was pinpointed at N 68-09, E 39-46.

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7. [] it was impossible to see any built-up area in the bay behind Cape Svyatoy Nos but [] the inlet ran very deeply into the land, which was mostly flat. [] there was a harbor far inland behind Cape Svyatoy Nos. The water off this part of the coast was open, even in winter.

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8. The two large destroyers or light cruisers were larger than the 11 destroyers which crossed []. So far as could be observed, the armament of these ships consisted of two superimposed guns forward, one gun between the second stack and mast, and three superimposed guns aft. They also had two masts and a rangefinder tower. [] they might be light cruisers because the superstructure appeared to be higher than that on other destroyers [].

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9. The two heavy cruisers were apparently of the same class. Their armament consisted of 12 heavy guns in four triple turrets, two forward and two aft. The second mast was in front of and very close to the second stack. It was impossible to see what was between the stacks, or to see the other guns.

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10. [] nine MTBs, all of the same class, exercising in the White Sea. With the MTBs there were two larger craft; each had a tower on a low bridge. [] the towers were radar installations. The MTBs were steaming at high speed and each of them, as well as the two larger craft, were towing a short line which was not otter gear. There appeared to be a kind of light on this line. It was neither dark nor daylight at the time, the light being that of an Arctic night. [] saw these towed lights which sometimes jumped out of the water (sic).

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11. [] sawmills at Arkhangelsk.

[] These two sawmills were about ten minutes' distance from the town by tug boat. The airfield was used exclusively by passenger aircraft, mostly three-engined. There seemed to be many of this type coming and going. It was impossible to see the airfield as the sawmills blocked the view.

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